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In re Application of
Shih et al. :
Application No. 09/992,458 :
Filed: November 16, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. TS01-045 :
DECISION GRANTING PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 11, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant non-provisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen-month publication country on May 17, 2002. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen-month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) was rescinded on December 17, 2002. The above-identified application was published on May 22, 2003.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2814 to await a reply to the outstanding final Office action mailed December 2, 2003. Failure to timely reply will again result in the abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-0482. Any telephone inquiries after approximately **September 24, 2004** should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.



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